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Colorado Trends

Few changes were noted in Colorado's generally healthy labor market conditions during March. Total employment showed little movement while unemployment gave back almost all of the previous month's rise. The seasonally adjusted joblesss rate fell five-tenths of a percentage point to 4.9 percent. One year ago 6.2 percent of the State's labor force were out of work. Corresponding to the lower unemployment rate, the number of jobless persons decreased by 9,100 to an estimated 84,200 in March. The total one year ago was much higher at 104,400. Statewide employment was nearly unchanged during the month slipping 2,500. At 1,638,400, the number of workers was 46,500 above the year-ago level.

March finished up what has to be considered a favorable first quarter for the local economy. The number of employed residents remained at or near the record high and unemployment hovered around a 10-year low. Activities in the Department's Job Service Centers confirm the improved labor market conditions as job placements totaled 14,600, up 8.1 percent over the first quarter of 1989. Also, the number of new and continued claimants for unemployment benefits fell from the year-ago quarter by 7.3 percent and 12 percent, respectively.

Changes in labor force conditions in individual areas around the State were mostly positive between February and March. The seasonally unadjusted jobless rate fell in all but 10 of Colorado's 63 counties.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics reported national job market conditions were basically unchanged in March. The seasonally adjusted unemployment rate edged downward one-tenth of a percentage point to 5.2 percent. Civilian employment advanced 299,000 to a record 118.3 million while joblessness dropped 99,000 to 6.5 million.

Unadjusted nonagricultural wage and salary employment rose 6,700 in March to 1,483,800. The gain was well below normal for the February-March period, however. Of the eight major nonfarm industry sectors six were up over the month, one fell and one remained unchanged. After seasonal adjustment, only two sectors managed to show small gains. Total wage and salary jobs in the State numbered 1,467,600 a year ago.

The largest gain during the month of March on a seasonally unadjusted basis occurred in services (up 3,400). The increase was only slightly better than expected for the period. Hotels and other lodging places (up 800), business

services (up 800), health services (up 400) and engineering and management services (up 300) were responsible for the majority of the gain.

Trade added 1,300 workers over the month, but this was less than expected for March. Weakness was apparent in general merchandise stores (down 400) and food stores (down 300). Eating and drinking places gained 1,300. Of some concern to the industry is the recent announcement by Amdura Corp. that it has put its hardware distribution businesses, CoastAmerica Corp. and Amdura National Distribution Co., up for sale, after itself filing for Chapter 11 bankruptcy two weeks before. CoastAmerica supplies more than 1,200 Coast to Coast hardware and auto and home stores in 38 states. The company supplies 23 stores in Colorado. Amdura employs about 2,200 people, including 300 at its Cherry Creek headquarters. On a positive note, SONY/CBS Records announced that it will open a new distribution center for records, tapes and CD's in Colorado City south of Pueblo. The center should be in operation by June and will employ 150 workers.

Other sectors adding jobs in March were government (up 1,400), transportation and public utilities (up 500), finance, insurance and real estate (up 200) and mining (up 100). Contract construction was unchanged over the month.

Manufacturing employment fell 200 in March to 193,900. The industry was considerably weaker than expected for the period. Computer and office equipment lost 400 jobs. One bright spot, however, was the announcement by Automated Controls Inc., a Thornton producer and servicer of high technology equipment, that it has doubled its space and will add 200 workers for its computer equipment repair facility over the next year.

A modest drop in the jobholder count combined with a small decline in unemployment to push the seasonally adjusted jobless rate in the **DENVER MSA** down four-tenths of a percentage point to 4.6 percent. Last year at this time the rate stood at 5.7 percent.

After seasonal adjustment, the number of unemployed dipped 4,800 from the prior month to 40,000. The level of unemployment is almost 10,000 below the year ago level.

The employment total registered a small drop for the second straight month. Despite retreating 5,600 in March, the over-the-year gain equals a healthy 17,500.

Nonagricultural wage and salary jobs advanced a meager 2,200 to 818,100, up 7,500 or 0.9 percent in the past year. Over-the-year growth in this series has been decreasing the past several months. The 2,200 gain in nonfarm jobs was weaker than expected for the February-March period as all sectors with the exception of transportation and public utilites turned in subpar performances for the month. On an unadjusted basis, only construction (down 300), mining (down 100) and government (no change) failed to add jobs, while services (up 1,500) led those industries showing gains.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX

The Denver Area July through December 1989 average Consumer Price Index for All Urban Consumers (CPI-U) was 116.6. This was 1.4 percent higher than the average for the first half of 1989 and a 1.7 percent increase over the year.

The common definition of the Consumer Price Index is, "a measure of the price change of a constant market basket of goods and services over time". With the base 1982-1984 = 100, a basket of goods and services which cost $100.00 in the three-year period 1982-1984 was valued at $116.60 in the last half of 1989.

The increase in the Denver Consumer Price Index has been held at very low levels due to the continued decline in housing and apparel and upkeep expenditures. The annual average cost for housing, 2nd half of 1988 to 2nd half 1989, fell 2.0 percent. Apparel and upkeep dropped 14.3 percent. The expenditures for housing have a much larger impact on the CPI in the Denver Area since consumers spend approximately 40 percent of their income on housing.

A slowdown of the price increase in a number of major food categories brought the cost of food and beverages down to an increase of 1.8 percent compared to the 3.1 percent rise of the prior six months. Cereals and bakery products had a 4.6 percent price increase, down from 7.6 percent; fruits and vegetables dropped from 7.1 percent to 4.4 percent; and the cost of dairy products went up 2.6 percent, a decline from the 3.2 percent increase posted in the first six months of 1989.

DENVER AREA CONSUMER PRICE INDEX (CPI-U) BY COMPONENT*

INDEX COMPONENTS	AVG. 2nd HALF '89	% CH. 1st HALF '89	% CH. 2nd HALF '88
ALL ITEMS (1982-84=100)	116.6	1.4	1.7
FOOD AND BEVERAGES	116.8	1.8	5.0
Food	116.6	1.9	5.2
Food at Home	118.3	2.4	7.5
Cereals and Bakery Products	130.7	4.6	12.6
Meats, Poultry, Fish, and Eggs	116.7	1.2	5.1
Dairy Products	108.7	2.6	5.9
Fruits and Vegetables	126.7	4.4	11.8
Other Foods at Home	113.5	1.2	5.5
Food Away From Home	114.4	-	-
Alcoholic Beverages	120.9	1.4	3.4
HOUSING	107.3	- 0.3	- 2.0
Shelter	109.0	- 0.4	- 3.3
"Renters' Costs	109.3	- 1.4	- 8.3
Rent, Residential	107.6	0.7	0
Other Renters' Costs	101.8	- 9.2	- 30.5
"Homeowners' Costs	113.0	0.2	- 0.5
Fuel and Other Utilities	106.1	1.0	4.5
Fuels	98.5	0.1	5.6
Fuel Oil, Coal, and Bottled Gas	72.0	- 2.6	- 5.1
Gas (piped) and Electricity	99.2	0.2	5.9
Household Furnishings and Operation	102.2	- 0.9	- 3.0
APPAREL AND UPKEEP	92.0	- 3.7	- 14.3
Men's & Boys' Apparel	88.0	- 8.5	- 19.0
Women's & Girls' Apparel	78.6	- 6.5	- 24.6
Footwear	117.2	15.5	17.4
TRANSPORTATION	123.0	1.2	4.4
Private Transportation	120.3	0.8	3.9
Public Transportation	144.5	3.6	7.4
MEDICAL CARE	156.8	4.5	8.1
Medical Care Services	153.7	4.9	7.6
ENTERTAINMENT	125.6	8.8	14.2
OTHER GOODS AND SERVICES	152.1	4.9	7.2

* Produced by Bureau of Labor Statistics, Mountain-Plains Regions VII & VIII, Kansas City, Missouri. ** November 1982-100.

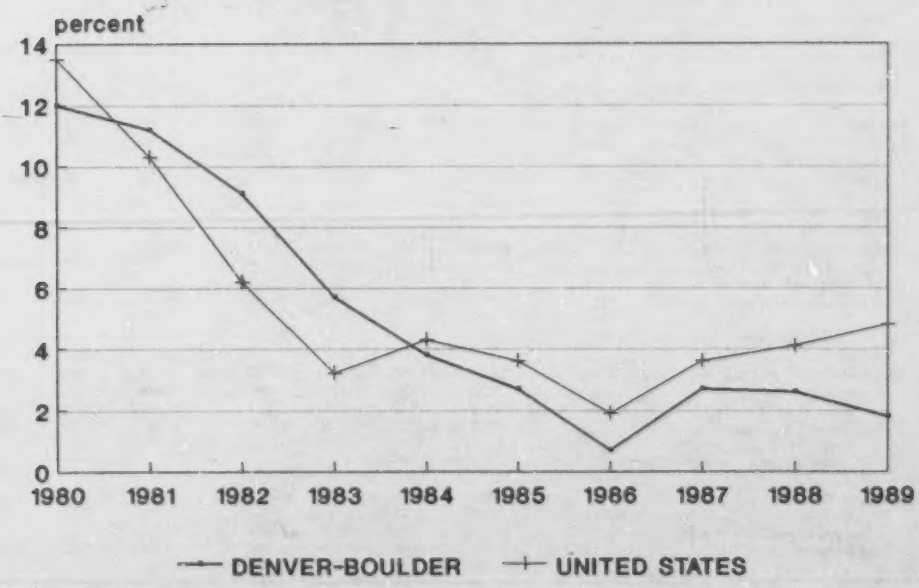
In the housing category, fuel and other utilities expenditures rose 1.0 percent from January-June 1989. This was partially offset by reductions in the cost of shelter (down 0.4 percent) and of household furnishings and operations (minus 0.9 percent), resulting in a decline of 0.3 percent in housing costs from the first half of 1989.

Apparel and upkeep registered the largest drop in prices, down 3.7 percent from the first half of 1989 even though the cost of footwear rose 15.5 percent.

Transportation costs were pushed up 1.2 percent from the prior six months by a 2.4 percent price increase in motor fuel and a 3.6 percent hike in public transportation. The outlay for medical care continues upward with a 4.5 percent increase. This includes the 4.9 percent jump in expenditures for medical care services. The price for entertainment reported the largest gain, rising 8.8 percent from the first half of 1989. The cost of other goods and services rose 4.9 percent from the first six months of 1989 despite a 1.0 percent drop in the outlay for personal care.

It is estimated that one-half of the population is directly affected by changes in the CPI. These changes can affect such programs as social security, retirement payments, food stamps and school lunches in addition to rental, royalty, child support, and collective bargaining agreements. It has been calculated that a one percent increase in the CPI can increase income payments in the U.S. by $2.8 billion annually.

CONSUMER PRICE INDEX -- ALL ITEMS(CPI-U)
Percent Change from Prior Year



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

SEASONALLY ADJUSTED AREA LABOR FORCE AND INDUSTRY DATA 1/

COLORADO	MAR 1990	FEB 1990	DEC 1989	MAR 1989	CHANGE FROM: MONTH AGO	1 QTR. AGO	YEAR AGO
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	1722.6	1734.2	1732.9	1696.3	-11.6	-10.3	26.3
Unemployment	84.2	93.3	98.6	104.4	-9.1	-14.4	-20.2
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.9	5.4	5.7	6.2	---	---	---
Employment	1638.4	1640.9	1634.3	1591.9	-2.5	4.1	46.5
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	1486.8	1492.0	1478.6	1470.8	-5.2	8.2	16.0
Mining	19.5	19.5	19.7	19.5	0.0	-0.2	0.0
Contract Construction	59.2	61.7	57.4	58.9	-2.5	1.8	0.3
Manufacturing	195.8	196.3	194.6	193.1	-0.5	1.2	2.7
Durable Goods	122.2	122.7	122.2	121.9	-0.5	0.0	0.3
Nondurable Goods	73.6	73.6	72.3	71.1	0.0	1.3	2.5
Transportation & Public Utilities	93.4	93.2	93.6	92.5	0.2	-0.2	0.9
Trade	359.4	360.5	358.4	361.5	-1.1	1.0	-2.1
Wholesale	80.3	80.7	80.4	80.6	-0.4	-0.1	-0.3
Retail	279.1	279.8	278.0	280.8	-0.7	1.1	-1.7
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	96.9	97.2	96.7	96.1	-0.3	0.2	0.8
Services	388.4	388.2	385.4	379.4	0.2	3.0	9.0
Government	274.2	275.4	273.2	269.8	-1.2	1.0	4.4
Federal	56.5	56.5	56.1	55.6	0.0	0.4	0.9
State	64.8	65.0	64.3	64.6	-0.2	0.5	0.2
Local	152.9	153.9	153.6	149.5	-1.0	-0.7	3.4
DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force (In Thousands).	876.9	887.3	886.2	869.0	-10.4	-9.3	7.9
Unemployment	40.0	44.8	45.2	49.6	-4.8	-5.2	-9.6
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.6	5.0	5.1	5.7	---	---	---
Employment	836.9	842.5	841.0	819.4	-5.6	-4.1	17.5
Nonagricultural Wage & Salary Jobs	824.1	826.9	823.1	816.6	-2.8	1.0	7.5
Mining	11.5	11.6	11.6	11.7	-0.1	-0.1	-0.2
Contract Construction	30.9	32.6	31.3	30.8	-1.7	-0.4	0.1
Manufacturing	95.9	96.2	95.7	95.8	-0.3	0.2	0.1
Durable Goods	50.4	50.4	50.5	50.9	0.0	-0.1	-0.5
Nondurable Goods	45.5	45.8	45.2	44.8	-0.3	0.3	0.7
Transportation & Public Utilities	68.4	68.1	68.1	67.0	0.3	0.3	1.4
Trade	199.8	200.2	199.9	201.2	-0.4	-0.1	-1.4
Wholesale	55.7	55.8	56.0	56.3	-0.1	-0.3	-0.6
Retail	144.1	144.4	143.9	144.9	-0.3	0.2	-0.8
Finance, Insurance & Real Estate	63.6	63.8	63.9	63.5	-0.2	-0.3	0.1
Services	224.7	224.8	222.1	219.0	-0.1	2.6	5.7
Government	129.3	129.6	129.6	127.6	-0.3	-0.3	1.7
Federal	33.0	33.0	32.8	32.9	0.0	0.2	0.1
State	26.3	26.1	26.8	27.2	0.2	-0.5	-0.9
Local	70.0	70.5	70.3	67.5	-0.5	-0.3	2.5
BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	137700	137320	137630	135070	380	70	2630
Unemployment	5110	5380	5970	6620	-270	-860	-1510
Unemployment Rate (%)	3.7	3.9	4.3	4.9	---	---	---
Employment	132590	131940	131660	128450	650	930	4140
COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	190660	191980	193160	188260	-1320	-2500	2400
Unemployment	11530	12640	13340	13540	-1110	-1810	-2010
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.0	6.6	6.9	7.2	---	---	---
Employment	179130	179340	179820	174720	-210	-690	4410
FORT COLLINS-LOVELAND MSA (Larimer County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	96290	97390	96410	95070	-1100	-120	1220
Unemployment	4120	4630	4980	5290	-510	-860	-1170
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.3	4.8	5.2	5.6	---	---	---
Employment	92170	92760	91430	89780	-590	740	2390
GREELEY MSA (Weld County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	71160	71200	69760	68110	-40	1400	3050
Unemployment	3210	3850	4470	4340	-640	-1260	-1130
Unemployment Rate (%)	4.5	5.4	6.4	6.4	---	---	---
Employment	67950	67350	65290	63770	600	2660	4180
PUEBLO MSA (Pueblo County)							
Resident Civilian Labor Force	50330	50700	50150	49040	-370	180	1290
Unemployment	3400	3830	4190	4150	-430	-790	-750
Unemployment Rate (%)	6.8	7.6	8.4	8.5	---	---	---
Employment	46930	46870	45960	44890	60	970	2040

COLORADO LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

STATE OF COLORADO	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	1709.1	1716.5	1685.6	-7400	23500
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	93.6	106.8	116.0	-13200	-22400
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.5	6.2	6.9	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	1615.5	1609.7	1569.6	5800	45900
Nonagricultural 5/	1562.4	1563.6	1527.9	-1200	34500
Agricultural	53.1	46.1	41.7	7000	11400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	1483.8	1477.1	1467.6	6700	16200
GOODS PRODUCING	266.9	267.0	263.9	-100	3000
SERVICE PRODUCING	1216.9	1210.1	1203.7	6800	13200
MINING	19.3	19.2	19.3	100	0
Metal Mining	3.3	3.3	3.4	0	-100
Coal Mining	2.9	2.9	2.7	0	200
Oil & Gas Extraction	12.2	12.2	12.4	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	53.7	53.7	53.4	0	300
General Building Contractors	12.2	12.6	12.8	-400	-600
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	7.1	6.8	7.9	300	-800
Special Trade Contractors	34.4	34.3	32.7	100	1700
MANUFACTURING	193.9	194.1	191.2	-200	2700
Durable Goods	121.0	121.2	120.7	-200	300
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture.	6.8	6.7	6.4	100	400
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	7.5	7.6	7.6	-100	-100
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	14.4	14.4	13.7	0	700
Computer & Office Equipment	20.8	21.2	20.9	-400	-100
Instruments & Related Products	19.6	19.6	19.7	0	-100
Nondurable Goods	72.9	72.9	70.5	0	2400
Food & Kindred Products	25.8	25.8	25.0	0	800
Meat Products	8.2	7.9	7.9	300	300
Dairy Products	2.2	2.2	2.1	0	100
Beverages	7.6	7.6	7.4	0	200
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	4.6	4.6	4.8	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	2.3	2.3	2.3	0	0
Printing & Publishing	24.3	24.3	23.3	0	1000
Chemicals, Petroleum & Coal Products	9.2	9.3	8.6	-100	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	93.2	92.7	92.3	500	900
Railroad Transportation	3.7	3.6	3.8	100	-100
Trucking & Warehousing	20.4	20.3	20.0	100	400
Transportation by Air	18.5	18.4	18.7	100	-200
Communications	28.6	28.5	27.8	100	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	12.4	12.4	12.3	0	100
TRADE	355.9	354.6	357.9	1300	-2000
Wholesale Trade	79.9	79.8	80.2	100	-300
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	49.7	49.7	50.3	0	-600
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	30.2	30.1	29.9	100	300
Retail Trade	276.0	274.8	277.7	1200	-1700
General Merchandise Stores	28.7	29.1	29.1	-400	-400
Food Stores	41.7	42.0	41.1	-300	600
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	29.5	29.6	29.2	-100	300
Apparel & Accessory Stores	14.1	14.0	15.0	100	-900
Eating & Drinking Places	105.1	103.8	108.4	1300	-3300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	97.2	97.0	96.4	200	800
Depository Institutions	25.6	25.6	25.8	0	-200
Insurance	28.3	28.3	27.4	0	900
Real Estate	24.2	24.3	25.3	-100	-1100
SERVICES	390.0	386.6	381.1	3400	8900
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	30.2	29.4	29.9	800	300
Personal Services	16.7	16.3	16.8	400	-100
Business Services	79.7	78.9	77.9	800	1800
Computer & Data Processing Services.	17.5	17.5	17.1	0	400
Motion Pictures	4.5	4.4	4.4	100	100
Amusements & Recreation Services	27.8	27.6	27.5	200	300
Ski Lift Operators	11.2	11.1	12.0	100	-800
Health Services	95.4	95.1	91.7	300	3700
Hospitals	40.1	39.9	38.4	200	1700
MD's & Other Health Practitioners	32.1	32.1	30.9	0	1200
Nursing Facil. & Home Health Care	17.9	17.8	17.5	100	400
Legal Services	13.8	13.7	13.2	100	600
Educational Services	12.5	12.5	12.4	0	100
Social Services	21.0	21.0	20.0	0	1000
Membership Organizations	22.3	22.1	22.2	200	100
Engineering & Management Services	40.2	39.9	38.9	300	1300
Agricultural Services	6.0	5.9	5.9	100	100
GOVERNMENT	280.6	279.2	276.0	1400	4600
Federal Government	55.7	55.7	54.8	0	900
State Government	68.6	67.3	68.4	1300	200
State Education	44.1	42.9	43.7	1200	400
Local Government	156.3	156.2	152.8	100	3500
Local Education	86.1	86.3	84.9	-200	1200
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.0	0.0	100	100

DENVER MSA LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands). (by place of residence)	867.2	874.8	860.5	-7600	6700
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	43.7	50.0	54.2	-6300	-10500
Unemployment Rate (%)	5.0	5.7	6.3	---	---
EMPLOYMENT	823.5	824.8	806.3	-1300	17200
Nonagricultural 5/	814.1	816.6	798.9	-2500	15200
Agricultural	9.4	8.2	7.4	1200	2000
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	818.1	815.9	810.6	-815900	-810500
GOODS PRODUCING	135.9	136.1	135.8	-200	100
SERVICE PRODUCING	682.2	679.8	674.8	2400	7400
MINING	11.4	11.5	11.6	-100	-200
Oil & Gas Extraction	9.3	9.3	9.5	0	-200
CONSTRUCTION	29.0	29.3	28.9	-300	100
General Building Contractors	5.6	5.7	6.2	-100	-600
Heavy Construction, Exc. Building	4.8	4.6	4.1	200	700
Special Trade Contractors	18.6	19.0	18.6	-400	0
MANUFACTURING	95.5	95.3	95.3	200	200
Durable Goods	50.2	50.0	50.7	200	-500
Lumber & Wood Prod., Inc. Furniture.	2.9	2.9	2.8	0	100
Stone, Clay & Glass Products	4.5	4.6	4.8	-100	-300
Primary, Fabricated Metal Products	7.4	7.3	7.4	100	0
Industrial Machinery & Equipment	6.2	6.3	6.4	-100	-200
Nondurable Goods	45.3	45.3	44.6	0	700
Food & Kindred Products	14.1	14.0	14.0	100	100
Textiles, Apparel & Leather Products	3.0	3.0	3.2	0	-200
Paper & Allied Products	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Printing & Publishing	13.6	13.7	13.5	-100	100
Chemicals & Allied Products	7.4	7.4	6.8	0	600
Petroleum, Coal & Plastic Products	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	100
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	68.1	67.8	66.7	300	1400
Railroad Transportation	1.9	1.9	1.9	0	0
Trucking & Warehousing	13.9	13.8	13.5	100	400
Transportation by Air	16.8	16.7	16.9	100	-100
Communications	22.6	22.5	21.8	100	800
Electric, Gas & Sanitary Services	6.5	6.5	6.2	0	300
TRADE	196.8	196.3	198.2	500	-1400
Wholesale Trade	55.6	55.5	56.2	100	-600
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	36.6	36.5	37.2	100	-600
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	19.0	19.0	19.0	0	0
Retail Trade	141.2	140.8	142.0	400	-800
General Merchandise,Accessory Stores	22.5	22.6	23.4	-100	-900
Food Stores	22.2	22.4	21.6	-200	600
Automotive Dealers & Svc. Stations	15.0	14.9	14.6	100	400
Eating & Drinking Places	52.2	51.8	53.5	400	-1300
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	63.3	63.2	63.2	100	100
Depository Institutions	14.6	14.6	14.7	0	-100
Nondepository Institutions	6.6	6.6	6.7	0	-100
Insurance	20.1	20.1	19.8	0	300
Real Estate	13.3	13.3	14.0	0	-700
SERVICES	222.5	221.0	216.8	1500	5700
Hotels & Other Lodging Places	11.4	11.1	11.0	300	400
Personal Services	9.5	9.0	9.8	500	-300
Business Services	53.6	53.6	53.3	0	300
Amusement & Rec. Svc., Inc. Motion Pic	10.9	10.8	10.4	100	500
Health Services	54.2	54.0	51.7	200	2500
Hospitals	24.4	24.3	23.4	100	1000
Legal Services	10.0	10.0	9.6	0	400
Educational Services	9.0	9.1	8.7	-100	300
Social Services	11.1	11.0	10.6	100	500
Engineering & Management Services	24.5	24.4	24.0	100	500
Agricultural Services	3.6	3.5	3.3	100	300
GOVERNMENT	131.5	131.5	129.9	0	1600
Federal Government	32.9	32.9	32.8	0	100
State Government	27.2	27.0	28.2	200	-1000
State Education	11.6	11.5	11.6	100	0
Local Government	71.4	71.6	68.9	-200	2500
Local Education	40.2	40.3	38.9	-100	1300
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.1	0.0	0.0	100	100

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA AND COLORADO SPRINGS MSA
LABOR FORCE AND EMPLOYMENT

BOULDER-LONGMONT MSA (Boulder County)	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	135.7	135.1	133.3	600	2400
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	5.5	6.1	7.2	-600	-1700
Unemployment (%)	4.1	4.5	5.4	-400	-1300
EMPLOYMENT	130.2	129.0	126.1	1200	4100
Nonagricultural 5/	128.0	127.1	124.4	900	3600
Agricultural	2.2	1.9	1.7	300	500
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	115.2	113.7	113.1	1500	2100
GOODS PRODUCING	34.5	34.6	34.0	-100	500
SERVICE PRODUCING	80.7	79.1	79.1	1600	1600
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	3.7	3.8	3.4	-100	300
MANUFACTURING	30.8	30.8	30.6	0	200
Durable Goods	24.6	24.8	24.7	-200	-100
Nondurable Goods	6.2	6.0	5.9	200	300
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	2.4	2.4	2.4	0	0
TRADE	23.4	23.3	23.4	100	0
Wholesale Trade	3.3	3.2	3.2	100	100
Retail Trade	20.1	20.1	20.2	0	-100
Eating & Drinking Places	8.1	8.0	8.3	100	-200
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	12.0	12.1	11.9	-100	100
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	4.2	4.2	4.1	0	100
Depository & Nondepository Institution	1.9	2.0	1.9	-100	0
SERVICES	27.8	27.0	26.0	800	1800
GOVERNMENT	22.9	22.2	23.2	700	-300
Federal Government	2.6	2.6	2.6	0	0
State Government	10.7	10.1	11.2	600	-500
State Education	10.5	9.9	10.9	600	-400
Local Government	9.6	9.5	9.4	100	200
Local Education	5.3	5.3	5.2	0	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO SPRINGS MSA (El Paso County)	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	CHANGE FROM MONTH AGO	CHANGE FROM YEAR AGO
TOTAL CIVILIAN LABOR FORCE (In Thousands).	188.1	189.7	186.1	-1600	2000
(by place of residence)				0	0
UNEMPLOYMENT 4/	13.1	14.7	15.4	-1600	-2300
Unemployment (%)	7.0	7.8	8.3	-800	-1300
EMPLOYMENT	175.0	175.0	170.7	0	4300
Nonagricultural 5/	173.2	173.4	169.3	-200	3900
Agricultural	1.8	1.6	1.4	200	400
WAGE & SALARY 6/ (by place of work)	153.6	152.3	150.7	1300	2900
GOODS PRODUCING	31.5	31.4	30.4	100	1100
SERVICE PRODUCING	121.4	120.9	120.3	500	1100
CONSTRUCTION & MINING	6.8	6.4	6.2	400	600
MANUFACTURING	24.7	25.0	24.2	-300	500
Durable Goods	19.1	19.3	19.2	-200	-100
Nondurable Goods	5.6	5.7	5.0	-100	600
TRANSPORTATION & PUBLIC UTILITIES	6.0	6.0	5.8	0	200
TRADE	35.3	34.8	35.6	500	-300
Wholesale Trade	5.1	5.1	5.4	0	-300
Wholesale Trade-Durable Goods	3.5	3.5	3.8	0	-300
Wholesale Trade-Nondurable Goods	1.6	1.6	1.6	0	0
Retail Trade	30.2	29.7	30.2	500	0
Eating & Drinking Places	12.7	12.5	12.1	200	600
Retail, Exc. Eating & Drinking Pl	17.5	17.2	18.1	300	-600
FINANCE, INSURANCE & REAL ESTATE	9.1	9.1	8.9	0	200
Depository & Nondepository Institution	2.9	2.9	3.0	0	-100
SERVICES	41.6	40.9	40.8	700	800
GOVERNMENT	30.1	30.1	29.2	0	900
Federal Government	9.5	9.7	9.3	-200	200
State Government	2.8	2.8	2.7	0	100
State Education	2.1	2.1	2.1	0	0
Local Government	17.8	17.6	17.2	200	600
Local Education	9.9	9.8	9.8	100	100
LABOR DISPUTANTS	0.0	0.0	0.0	0	0

COLORADO LABOR FORCE ESTIMATES

COLORADO AREA	March 1990 PRE TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP	--	February 1990 REV TOTAL LABOR FORCE	TOTAL EMPLOY	TOTAL UN-EMP	% UN-EMP
Alamosa	6128	5657	471	7.7	--	6024	5570	454	7.5
Archuleta	2571	2334	237	9.2	--	2559	2289	270	10.6
Baca	2361	2245	116	4.9	--	2232	2131	101	4.5
Bent	2240	2132	108	4.8	--	2155	2054	101	4.7
Chaffee	6604	6156	448	6.8	--	6411	5897	514	8.0
Cheyenne	1109	1077	32	2.9	--	1046	1025	21	2.0
Clear Creek	2760	2585	175	6.3	--	2853	2643	210	7.4
Co. Springs MSA	188148	175007	13141	7.0	--	189753	175036	14717	7.8
Conejos	2585	2203	382	14.8	--	2583	2138	445	17.2
Costilla	1050	906	144	13.7	--	1057	882	175	16.6
Crowley	1696	1612	84	5.0	--	1619	1548	71	4.4
Custer	774	715	59	7.6	--	755	690	65	8.6
Delta	8298	7514	784	9.4	--	8327	7458	869	10.4
Den-Bldr CMSA	1002984	953738	49246	4.9	--	1009893	953831	56062	5.6
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	135741	130200	5541	4.1	--	135148	129040	6108	4.5
-Denver MSA	867243	823538	43705	5.0	--	874745	824791	49954	5.7
---Adams	146771	137646	9125	6.2	--	148307	137856	10451	7.0
---Arapahoe	209414	201273	8141	3.9	--	210627	201579	9048	4.3
---Denver	259065	243677	15388	5.9	--	261787	244047	17740	6.8
---Douglas	22840	21857	983	4.3	--	23002	21890	1112	4.8
---Jefferson	229155	219086	10069	4.4	--	231022	219419	11603	5.0
Dolores	1045	1018	27	2.6	--	1041	1000	41	3.9
Eagle	16027	15624	403	2.5	--	15902	15443	459	2.9
Elbert	3826	3556	270	7.1	--	3845	3520	325	8.5
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	95600	90875	4725	4.9	--	95885	90164	5721	6.0
Fremont	11452	10478	974	8.5	--	11579	10468	1111	9.6
Garfield	15090	14230	860	5.7	--	15161	14140	1021	6.7
Gilpin	1359	1281	78	5.7	--	1369	1281	88	6.4
Grand	5950	5760	190	3.2	--	5949	5755	194	3.3
Greeley MSA	70400	66661	3739	5.3	--	70152	65461	4691	6.7
Gunnison	6690	6396	294	4.4	--	6425	6206	219	3.4
Hinsdale	403	386	17	4.2	--	387	369	18	4.7
Huerfano	2379	2128	251	10.6	--	2335	2068	267	11.4
Jackson	962	892	70	7.3	--	915	853	62	6.8
Kiowa	1031	1001	30	2.9	--	979	938	41	4.2
Kit Carson	4084	4021	63	1.5	--	3965	3836	129	3.3
Lake	1488	1376	112	7.5	--	1485	1367	118	7.9
La Plata	16380	15501	879	5.4	--	16605	15499	1106	6.7
Las Animas	5000	4582	418	8.4	--	5029	4478	551	11.0
Lincoln	2421	2347	74	3.1	--	2375	2264	111	4.7
Logan	9298	8939	359	3.9	--	9129	8723	406	4.4
Mesa	41495	38521	2974	7.2	--	41993	38644	3349	8.0
Mineral	231	199	32	13.9	--	222	183	39	17.6
Moffat	4899	4510	389	7.9	--	4915	4452	463	9.4
Montezuma	8635	7777	858	9.9	--	8701	7684	1017	11.7
Montrose	11820	10747	1073	9.1	--	11831	10748	1083	9.2
Morgan	10367	9761	606	5.8	--	10300	9546	754	7.3
Otero	8625	7797	828	9.6	--	8662	7671	991	11.4
Ouray	1573	1370	203	12.9	--	1517	1323	194	12.8
Park	3277	3040	237	7.2	--	3248	2990	258	7.9
Phillips	2315	2269	46	2.0	--	2214	2149	65	2.9
Pitkin	11038	10727	311	2.8	--	10727	10538	189	1.8
Prowers	6309	5935	374	5.9	--	6256	5820	436	7.0
Pueblo MSA	50015	46135	3880	7.8	--	50284	45796	4488	8.9
Rio Blanco	2797	2672	125	4.5	--	2812	2625	187	6.7
Rio Grande	4682	4285	397	8.5	--	4699	4213	486	10.3
Routt	9645	9267	378	3.9	--	9629	9265	364	3.8
Saguache	1669	1466	203	12.2	--	1596	1402	194	12.2
San Juan	495	436	59	11.9	--	502	428	74	14.7
San Miguel	3369	3132	237	7.0	--	3388	3123	265	7.8
Sedgwick	1521	1456	65	4.3	--	1482	1397	85	5.7
Summit	11111	10765	346	3.1	--	11140	10776	364	3.3
Teller	5220	4836	384	7.4	--	5233	4834	399	7.6
Washington	2734	2607	127	4.6	--	2567	2449	118	4.6
Yuma	5087	4882	205	4.0	--	4819	4605	214	4.4
COLORADO	1709126	1615528	93598	5.5	--	1716517	1609687	106830	6.2

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County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6131	5512	619	10.1
Archuleta	2523	2221	302	12.0
Baca	2125	2006	119	5.6
Bent	2043	1945	98	4.8
Chaffee	6578	6032	546	8.3
Cheyenne	1029	992	37	3.6
Clear Creek	2800	2542	258	9.2
Co. Springs MSA	186141	170703	15438	8.3
Conejos	2696	2176	520	19.3
Costilla	1082	843	239	22.1
Crowley	1605	1474	131	8.2
Custer	710	642	68	9.6
Delta	8302	7241	1061	12.8
Den-Bldr CMSA	993731	932390	61341	6.2
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	133320	126134	7186	5.4
-Denver MSA	860411	806256	54155	6.3
---Adams	146186	134758	11428	7.8
---Arapahoe	207215	197049	10166	4.9
---Denver	256919	238563	18356	7.1
---Douglas	22535	21398	1137	5.0
---Jefferson	227557	214488	13069	5.7
Dolores	1037	978	59	5.7
Eagle	15540	14971	569	3.7
Elbert	3708	3429	279	7.5
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	94579	88520	6059	6.4
Fremont	11483	10386	1097	9.6
Garfield	15096	14042	1054	7.0
Gilpin	1167	1078	89	7.6
Grand	5715	5455	260	4.5
Greeley MSA	67616	62557	5059	7.5
Gunnison	6157	5862	295	4.8
Hinsdale	363	351	12	3.3
Huerfano	2276	1995	281	12.3
Jackson	895	846	49	5.5
Kiowa	938	882	56	6.0
Kit Carson	3841	3679	162	4.2
Lake	1477	1301	176	11.9
La Plata	16144	14926	1218	7.5
Las Animas	4895	4349	546	11.2
Lincoln	2286	2150	136	5.9
Logan	8990	8566	424	4.7
Mesa	41073	37547	3526	8.6
Mineral	255	220	35	13.7
Moffat	5006	4465	541	10.8
Montezuma	8769	7710	1059	12.1
Montrose	11997	10432	1565	13.0
Morgan	9761	8929	832	8.5
Otero	8327	7280	1047	12.6
Ouray	1436	1324	112	7.8
Park	2936	2711	225	7.7
Phillips	2076	2027	49	2.4
Pitkin	10601	10294	307	2.9
Prowers	6153	5621	532	8.6
Pueblo MSA	48858	44123	4735	9.7
Rio Blanco	2686	2517	169	6.3
Rio Grande	4796	4250	546	11.4
Routt	9530	9061	469	4.9
Saguache	1541	1325	216	14.0
San Juan	485	422	63	13.0
San Miguel	3192	3023	169	5.3
Sedgwick	1453	1343	110	7.6
Summit	11046	10765	281	2.5
Teller	5021	4529	492	9.8
Washington	2451	2301	150	6.1
Yuma	4493	4338	155	3.4
COLORADO	1685643	1569598	116045	6.9

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COLORADO LABOR FORCE AVERAGES
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County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6011	5549	462	7.7
Archuleta	2540	2307	233	9.2
Baca	2211	2125	86	3.9
Bent	2159	2068	91	4.2
Chaffee	6460	5975	485	7.5
Cheyenne	1059	1027	32	3.0
Clear Creek	2807	2614	193	6.9
Co. Springs MSA	189299	175848	13451	7.1
Conejos	2554	2139	415	16.2
Costilla	1032	884	148	14.3
Crowley	1632	1551	81	5.0
Custer	753	696	57	7.6
Delta	8179	7403	776	9.5
Den-Bldr CMSA	1007521	956142	51379	5.1
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	135496	129801	5695	4.2
-Denver MSA	872025	826341	45684	5.2
---Adams	147618	138115	9503	6.4
---Arapahoe	210370	201958	8412	4.0
---Denver	260689	244506	16183	6.2
---Douglas	22986	21931	1055	4.6
---Jefferson	230363	219832	10531	4.6
Dolores	1056	1003	53	5.0
Eagle	16025	15615	410	2.6
Elbert	3802	3508	294	7.7
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	95314	90140	5174	5.4
Fremont	11456	10451	1005	8.8
Garfield	15065	14179	886	5.9
Gilpin	1364	1279	85	6.2
Grand	5923	5735	188	3.2
Greeley MSA	69455	65343	4112	5.9
Gunnison	6484	6240	244	3.8
Hinsdale	395	377	18	4.6
Huerfano	2332	2083	249	10.7
Jackson	916	857	59	6.4
Kiowa	973	943	30	3.1
Kit Carson	3935	3839	96	2.4
Lake	1491	1373	118	7.9
La Plata	16485	15485	1000	6.1
Las Animas	4943	4460	483	9.8
Lincoln	2342	2264	78	3.3
Logan	9113	8732	381	4.2
Mesa	41660	38584	3076	7.4
Mineral	219	185	34	15.5
Moffat	4892	4473	419	8.6
Montezuma	8618	7720	898	10.4
Montrose	11753	10731	1022	8.7
Morgan	10183	9531	652	6.4
Otero	8535	7669	866	10.1
Ouray	1536	1357	179	11.7
Park	3246	3021	225	6.9
Phillips	2217	2158	59	2.7
Pitkin	10910	10687	223	2.0
Prowers	6198	5808	390	6.3
Pueblo MSA	49882	45781	4101	8.2
Rio Blanco	2788	2638	150	5.4
Rio Grande	4669	4217	452	9.7
Routt	9627	9267	360	3.7
Saguache	1593	1398	195	12.2
San Juan	495	435	60	12.1
San Miguel	3357	3141	216	6.4
Sedgwick	1471	1398	73	5.0
Summit	11135	10788	347	3.1
Teller	5230	4838	392	7.5
Washington	2576	2460	116	4.5
Yuma	4835	4638	197	4.1
COLORADO	1710714	1613160	97554	5.7

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County Name	Total Labor Force	Total Employed	Total Unemployed	Percent Unemployed
Alamosa	6009	5438	571	9.5
Archuleta	2451	2180	271	11.1
Baca	1953	1859	94	4.8
Bent	2012	1900	112	5.6
Chaffee	6494	5952	542	8.3
Cheyenne	1003	940	63	6.3
Clear Creek	2779	2536	243	8.7
Co. Springs MSA	185647	170278	15369	8.3
Conejos	2554	2038	516	20.2
Costilla	1088	846	242	22.2
Crowley	1544	1420	124	8.0
Custer	695	624	71	10.2
Delta	8204	7211	993	12.1
Den-Bldr CMSA	993518	932024	61494	6.2
-Bldr-Lgmont MSA	132556	125412	7144	5.4
-Denver MSA	860962	806612	54350	6.3
---Adams	146638	134817	11821	8.1
---Arapahoe	207221	197136	10085	4.9
---Denver	257147	238668	18479	7.2
---Douglas	22596	21408	1188	5.3
---Jefferson	227360	214583	12777	5.6
Dolores	1007	943	64	6.4
Eagle	15556	14991	565	3.6
Elbert	3671	3370	301	8.2
Ft. Collins-Loveland MSA	93609	87302	6307	6.7
Fremont	11394	10239	1159	10.1
Garfield	15127	13952	1175	7.8
Gilpin	1135	1048	87	7.7
Grand	5620	5426	194	3.5
Greeley MSA	66606	61420	5186	7.8
Gunnison	6077	5819	258	4.2
Hinsdale	371	355	16	4.3
Huerfano	2231	1952	279	12.5
Jackson	861	810	51	5.9
Kiowa	905	827	78	8.6
Kit Carson	3667	3520	147	4.0
Lake	1478	1304	174	11.8
La Plata	16240	14985	1255	7.7
Las Animas	4811	4273	538	11.2
Lincoln	2172	2064	108	5.0
Logan	8690	8317	373	4.3
Mesa	40794	37053	3741	9.2
Mineral	247	211	36	14.6
Moffat	4909	4386	523	10.7
Montezuma	8724	7600	1124	12.9
Montrose	11570	10152	1418	12.3
Morgan	9536	8766	770	8.1
Otero	8192	7186	1006	12.3
Ouray	1440	1333	107	7.4
Park	2920	2696	224	7.7
Phillips	2002	1926	76	3.8
Pitkin	10464	10255	209	2.0
Prowers	6132	5545	587	9.6
Pueblo MSA	48707	43714	4993	10.3
Rio Blanco	2661	2479	182	6.8
Rio Grande	4665	4107	558	12.0
Routt	9465	9004	461	4.9
Saguache	1474	1266	208	14.1
San Juan	499	429	70	14.0
San Miguel	3204	3022	182	5.7
Sedgwick	1384	1283	101	7.3
Summit	10959	10648	311	2.8
Teller	5088	4591	497	9.8
Washington	2322	2163	159	6.8
Yuma	4264	4116	148	3.5
COLORADO	1678797	1562096	116701	7.0

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HOURS AND EARNINGS FOR SELECTED INDUSTRIES 7/

COLORADO

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$456.60	$447.81	$474.08	35.7	34.5	37.3	$12.79	$12.98	$12.71
MANUFACTURING	$442.54	$429.71	$413.28	40.9	40.5	39.7	$10.82	$10.61	$10.41
Durable Goods	$431.66	$426.60	$432.00	40.8	40.4	41.3	$10.58	$10.51	$10.46
Nondurable Goods	$457.56	$436.45	$383.53	41.0	40.6	37.2	$11.16	$10.75	$10.31

DENVER MSA (Adams, Arapahoe, Denver, Douglas and Jefferson Counties)

	AVERAGE WEEKLY EARNINGS			AVERAGE WEEKLY HOURS			AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS		
	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989	MAR 2/ 1990	FEB 3/ 1990	MAR 1989
CONSTRUCTION	$473.22	$466.14	$486.55	35.5	34.3	37.0	$13.33	$13.59	$13.15
MANUFACTURING	$479.18	$482.00	$469.04	39.7	40.0	40.4	$12.07	$12.05	$11.61
Durable Goods	$478.34	$465.31	$494.34	40.4	39.4	42.0	$11.84	$11.81	$11.77
Nondurable Goods	$480.09	$497.34	$441.58	39.0	40.5	38.6	$12.31	$12.28	$11.44

SELECTED MONTHLY ACTIVITIES

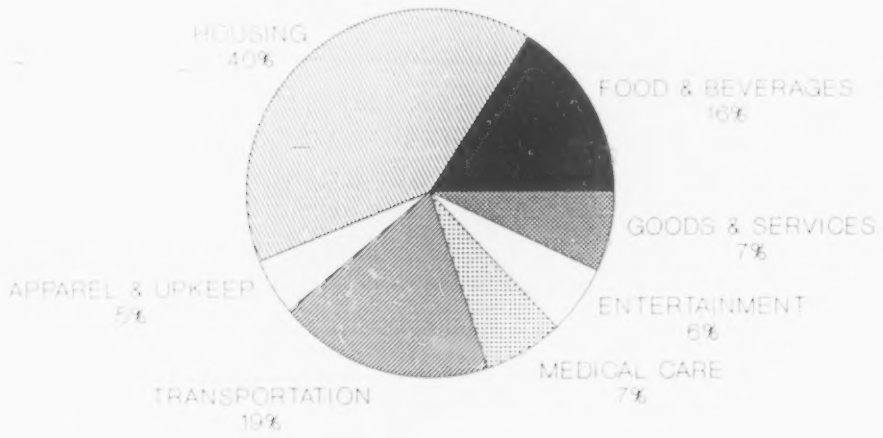
	COLORADO 8/			DENVER AREA		
	MAR 1990	FEB 1990	MAR 1989	MAR 1990	FEB 1990	MAR 1989
UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE						
Initial Claims	11,204	11,459	11,639	5,856	6,330	6,285
Continued Claims	113,566	110,372	132,733	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Number of Weeks Compensated	89,157	86,357	108,830	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Amount of Benefits Paid	$14,615,152	$14,145,583	$17,089,415	N.A.	N.A.	N.A.
Benefit Funds Available	$221,257,541	$233,662,440	$141,162,426	---	---	---
EMPLOYMENT SERVICE						
New Applications for Work	18,320	15,950	16,418	8,817	8,143	8,394
Nonagricultural Placements	4,872	4,118	4,886	1,453	1,388	1,471
Agricultural Placements	135	64	238	15	19	65

AREA LABOR FORCE COMPARISONS

February 1990 - In Thousands

	United States 3/	Colorado 3/	Arizona	Idaho	Montana	New Mexico	Utah	Wyoming
Civilian Labor Force	123,442	1716.5	1693.7	497.4	407.0	694.1	787.4	239.8
Unemployment	7,134	106.8	78.2	33.4	24.1	42.5	36.0	15.7
Unemployment Rate(%)	5.8	6.2	4.6	6.7	5.9	6.1	4.6	6.5
Employment	116,308	1609.7	1615.5	464.0	382.9	651.6	751.4	224.1

PERCENT OF CONSUMERS' EXPENDITURES
DENVER AREA



Source: Bureau of Labor Statistics

FOOTNOTES TO DATA TABLES

Estimates made in cooperation with the U.S. Department of Labor, Bureau of Labor Statistics. Labor force components are adjusted to Current Population Survey Data. Estimates not seasonally adjusted where otherwise noted.

1/ Data is seasonally adjusted. Recurrent yearly movements in labor force data associated with the Current Population Survey have been isolated and removed by the X-11-ARIMA Seasonal Adjustment Method. Industry data series detail may not add to totals because they have been independently adjusted. Effects of irregularities such as unseasonal weather, strikes, etc. on the trend-cycle component of individual series have been reduced by graduated treatment of extremes.

2/ Preliminary.

3/ Revised.

4/ Residents unemployed during the week including the 12th of the month.

5/ Includes residence adjusted nonagricultural wage and salary workers, self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and labor disputants.

6/ Estimates of all full and part-time employees who worked during or received pay for any part of the pay period including the 12th of the month. Excluded are self-employed, unpaid family, domestic workers and members of the Armed Forces. Estimates based on March 1989 benchmark utilizing 1987 Standard Industrial Classification Codes. Only subsectors for which an adequate estimating sample is available are shown. Due to rounding, sum of major industry sectors may not equal total.

7/ Averages, prepared by the Colorado Department of Labor and Employment, based upon data for full and part-time production, working supervisory, and related employees who worked during the pay period including the 12th of the month. Average earnings are computed on a "gross" basis and may reflect change in basic hourly and incentive wage rates. Average hourly earnings are not wage rates but averages of gross earnings of all employees below administrative level.

8/ The Colorado statewide totals for number of weeks compensated and amount of benefits paid include counts relating to lost checks and previous benefit underpayments under the regular State Unemployment Insurance Program.

GLOSSARY OF TERMS

CURRENT POPULATION SURVEY (CPS) - Is the official survey instrument for measuring labor force attachment in the United States. A survey of about 56,000 households is conducted throughout the nation each month by trained interviewers. Employment and unemployment data for Colorado reflect responses of approximately 800 households within the State which are represented in the CPS sample.

EMPLOYED PERSONS - Are individuals 16 or older who worked at least one hour for pay or profit or worked at least 15 unpaid hours in a family business during the survey week. Individuals are also counted as employed if they had a job but did not work because they are ill, on vacation, in a labor dispute or prevented from working because of bad weather or personal reasons. Each person is counted only once by place of their residence. Persons in the Armed Forces are excluded.

UNEMPLOYED PERSONS - Are those individuals 16 or over who did no work during the survey week, were available to work and had taken specific actions to find a job during the last four weeks. Persons who have been laid off subject to call-back or are waiting to begin a new job within 30 days are also classified as unemployed.

UNEMPLOYMENT RATE - Is the total number of unemployed persons expressed as a percentage of the employed and unemployed. i.e., as a percentage of the civilian labor force.

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